

**MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL**  
April 29, 2014

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos	
Garfield Co: Paige Measner	
Greeley Co: Doug Wrede	
Loup Co: Jack Ruppel	
Thomas Co: Kevin Hood, Chairman	
Sherman Co: Vonnie Dzingle	
Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke	
Wheeler Co: Jack Poulsen, Vice-Chair	
Law Enforce: Dave Weeks	
Range Co. Municipalities:	
Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler	
Doug Reiter	
Tri-Co Municipalities:	
Valley, Greeley, Sherman	
Richard Anderson	

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:35PM by Chairman Hood.

Roll Call was taken with eleven (11) members present.

The meeting being duly posted and a quorum present, the Chairman proclaimed this meeting to be a legal meeting and acknowledged that the Open Meeting Act was posted in the meeting room.

Motion by Paige Measner and seconded by Doug Wrede to approve the March 25, 2014 Minutes.  
Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Jack Poulsen and seconded by Vonnie Dzingle to approve the March 2014 Financial Statement. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Building Committee Report: Alma reported on the move into the new facility. The offices moved during the week of April 14<sup>th</sup> and the 911 communications was moved on April 21<sup>st</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The dispatch center was down for three days and two nights while equipment was moved and reinstalled. Dispatchers traveled to Ord and used the backup system during that time. The balance of the dispatch center was finished moving in today. The administrative office has been totally vacated in the Community building and the old desks and file cabinets have been sold and moved out. The items left are painting the exterior and vestibule, landscaping. Platte Valley still has work to finish on networking, security cameras, tweaking and testing all the equipment. Insurance was discussed on the building and the open house & ribbon cutting was scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Alma had nothing to report on the tower projects this month.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks had nothing to report on the Criminal Justice Board.

Communications Center Report: Alma had a copy of the stats that was handed out. Their contacts for the month of March was 20 Generator, 35 NAWAS, 50 Siren, 214 Alarm, 33 Office, 580 Page, 2292 Radio, 1972 Phone, 260 – 911 Calls, 100 Administrative, 703 Ambulance, 18 Bus, 322 Public, 23 Department of Roads, 697 Fire, 11 Guest, 11 Hospital, 2898 Law Enforcement, 639 Tests, 34 Weather. The total was 10,912 contacts. Alma reported that they had done a large amount of Viaero test calls for them. Most of the time they are testing requires two on duty to be able to handle the amount of test 911 calls they put through at each tower location.

Director's Report:

Alma reported on the visit from Congressman Adrian Smith.

There was a treat assessment meeting in Broken Bow for the North Central Region that was required by NEMA.

Alma reported on an insurance audit that she had. The auditor advised on several minor details that should be implemented into our operating procedures which she said would be able to be accomplished. There was a School Threat Assessment and physical walk through done last week at Burwell High School, Elementary and Head Start as a part of our School and Law Enforcement training that was contracted with the UNL Public Policy Center using our Homeland Security Funds.

A Sherman County table top exercise was done with Sherman County Sheriff's office for Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS regarding the Loup City Schools on handling school disasters.

Other items reported on were the Loup Valley Mutual Aid Meeting, the application for this year's Wireless Fund and the notice of the next round of Emergency Management grants that applications are due in May.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be May 27, 2014.

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator